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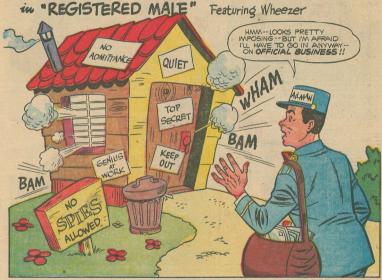


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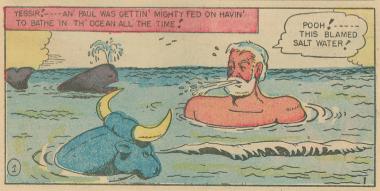


















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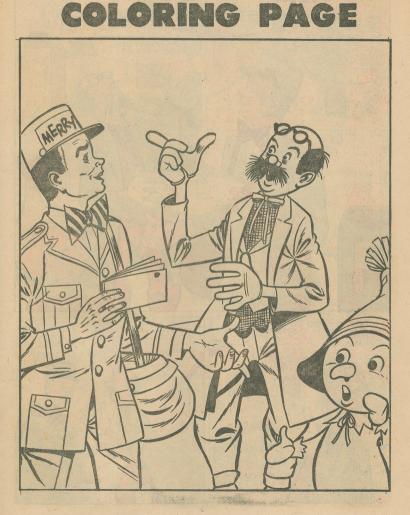


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## MERRY MAILMAN'S COLORING PAGE



## BACKWARD LAND

AMMY Squirrel looked in the kitchen where his mother was baking a nut-pie.

"Mgoinanplay," called Sammy.

"Sammy!" his mother said. "What did you say? I couldn't understand a word."

"I'm going out and play," repeated Sammy, walking out the door.

"Goodness, Sammy," Mrs. Squirrel said. "You must learn to speak distinctly. One can never understand a. word you say."

"Gotagomate," Sammy said. "Felsrwaitn."

"Sammy," said Mrs. Squirrel. "Come right back here and repeat what you said."

"I've got to go. I'm late," Sammy said distinctly. "The fellows are waiting."

Mrs. Squirrel shook her finger at Sammy. "You're going to have to speak so others can understand you," she told him. "You're just too lazy to speak distinctly, that's all! That mumbling is very annoying. One has to strain the ears trying to guess what you are saying."

Sammy's mother was right. He never bothered to pronounce his words clearly. For him it was easier to slur words together. Sammy didn't really see why folks made such a fuss about speaking distinctly. Golly, he thought, it's an awful lot of trouble saving each syllable correctly and speaking clearly.

As he hurried down the street toward the sand lot where his playmates were waiting for him. Sammy met his Uncle Cyrus.

"Is your mother at home?" asked Uncle Cyrus.

'Shzbaknuhpie," retorted Sammy. "Slong."

"Eh? What's that, Sammy?" Uncle Cyrus asked. "Couldn't understand a thing you said. Why don't you speak plainly, Sammy?"

"She's baking a pie," Sammy repeated. "So long. That's what I said."

"You've got to learn to open your mouth so that when you speak the words aren't muffled in your throat, Sammy," his Uncle said angrily as he stalked

"Huh!" Sammy muttered, half-aloud. "I can understand myself. Speak clearly, speak clearly! That's all I hear! I won't do it! I talk all right just the way I do!"

Suddenly Sammy felt as if he were sitting on a large spinning top. Round and round he whirled at top speed getting dizzier by the minute. He thought he heard himself cry out before he was plunged into inky blackness. A hard bump made his head ring and jarred his bones, just before Sammy opened his eyes to find the blackness was gone and he was seated on the ground. But he was in the strangest place! All around him were rocky hills with trees that were growing upside-down!

"That's him!" Sammy heard a voice say and he turned around to find himself staring at two strangers. If he hadn't been scared. Sammy might have laughed out loud at them because they were so comical looking. They were both tall and skinny, with lots of wild hair. They looked, Sammy thought, sort of like two floor-mops standing on end.

"Welcome to Backward Land," one of the fellows said. I'm ymmoT and my "Wait!" shouted Sammy,

friend is reteP. Now that we've told you where you are our job is finished and you'll have to shift for your-

They stood there and looked haughtily at Sammy whose brow was wrinkled in puzzlement and anxiety.

"Your yommT and he's reteP." Sammy said. "What funny names. But how did I get here? Why am I here? I never heard of this place."

The one who called himself yommT pointed beyond some rocks not far off. "s'nwoT thgir revo ereht." he said. "emoC no."

Sammy gulped. "What did you say?" he asked. "I couldn't understand a word." But the others were already stamping off toward the rocks and so Sammy decided it would be best to follow.

Reaching the rocks, they made a sharp turn on a sandy road and Sammy found himself in a little village. Other strange looking folks stood about the village and watched him as he entered. One of them, a round little fellow, that resembled a small bottle cork. called out to Sammy.

"e mocle W," he called. "ll'uoY ekil ti ereh."

"Wh - What?" Sammy stammered. "I couldn't understand you at all." The other shook his head sadly. "ooT dab," he said.

Sammy was suddenly clapped on the back and he turned to see the tall, skinny one called yommT, raising a hand to the other villagers. Holding Sammy by the shoulder, he began,

"ruO dneirf, ereh, lliw teg desu ot efil ni drawkcaB dnaL," he said.

"Say that again! I can't understand a word you said." But the other went right on talking in his old way.

"yaP on deeh ot mih, srobhgien," he said. "eH yllaer t'nseod erac tuoba gniklat ylnialp."

Sammy clapped his hands to his ears and started to run. "I can't stand it!" he cried. "I'm getting out of here. I can't stay with folks who talk so they can't be understood." But his path was quickly blocked and he felt himself being held by strong

"Please let me go," he pleaded. "Let me go home!" The fellow who looked like a bottle cork addressed Sammy. "You've got to stay here," he said. "Boys and girls who don't like to speak clearly live here. You're one so you have to stay here."

"That's better," said Sammy. "I can understand you now and gosh, it's a pleasure."

"It won't be for long," the fellow who resembled a bottle cork replied. "You'll have to learn to listen and understand our way of speaking. We don't think it's any worse than the way you talk."

"What's wrong with the way I talk?" bristled Sammy.

"You know very well," was the answer. "Nobody can ever understand you the way you run your words together and don't pronounce anything clearly. That's why you're here. Our listening post is specially tuned to hear the remarks of boys and girls who don't think speaking clearly is worth bothering about. That's you. You said so yourself."

Sammy suddenly tore away from his captors and nimbly darted away. "You can't keep me here!" he shouted. But Sammy's foot struck a stone and he stumbled, falling to his knees. The men who looked like a floormop standing on end were upon him instantly rough hands dragged him forward.

"ll'eW tup mih ereht llit eh slooc ffo," said one, and Sammy didn't have to understand him for he saw they were dragging him toward a large iron-barred cage.

"No! No!" cried Sammy. "Stop! Please let me go home."

"Nonsense," said one of the fellows that was a copy of a floor-mop standing on end, "You'll learn how to understand us after a while. You see, we talk backwards!"

"I'll never learn to understand you," replied Sammy, tearfully. "I'll never be able to understand anything and how'll I talk to folks I can't undersfand?"

"You didn't seem to think about that when you were home and folks told you they couldn't understand a thing you said," was their answer.

"I know," sobbed Sammy. "But I promise I won't be lazy anymore. I'll open my mouth so that I won't mumble and I'll pronounce my syllables distinctly from now on if you'll only let me go."

The tall, skinny one looked at the others.

"llahS ew ekat sih drow?" one of Sammy's captors asked the others.

"seY," replied the one who could be mistaken for a bottlecork, "fI eh speek gnikaeps yldab ruo gninetsil tsop lliw raeh mih." The tallest floor-mop standing on end, turned to Sammy.

"We'll let you go," he told Sammy. "But remember, start to get lazy again and not pronouncing your words so folks can understand you, and pronto! you'll be right back here . . . for good!"

"Oh, thank you," Sammy breathed. "Don't worry. I've an idea now what it's like listening to folks talk so they can't be understood."

The tall, floor-moppish looking fellow raised an arm. circled it three times in the air and Sammy was plunged into blackness again. Once more he felt himself whirling round and round and then, with a BUMP! he found himself in his backyard. His mother stuck her head out the window and saw him there. "Sammy," she said, "you're back in time for supper, for once. Come right in and wash up. Supper's on the table."

Sammy walked into the house and he was never so glad to be home.

"I'm hungry," he said. "Hope there is lots to eat tonight."

"What did you say?" began Mrs. Squirrel, and then she stopped short and looked at Sammy. "Why . . . why, Sammy," she said. "I understood every word you said." Sammy just smiled happily and vowed to himself that it'd be that way from then on. Speaking distinctly, he found, didn't demand much effort after all.

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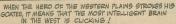
























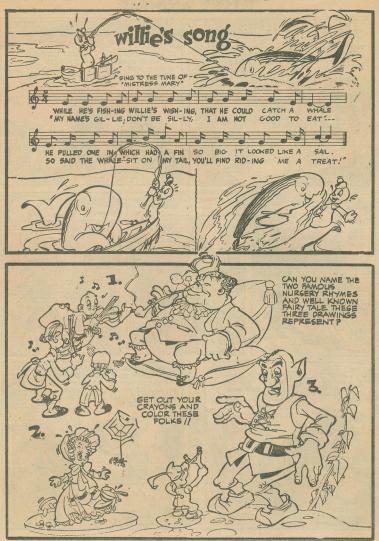
































































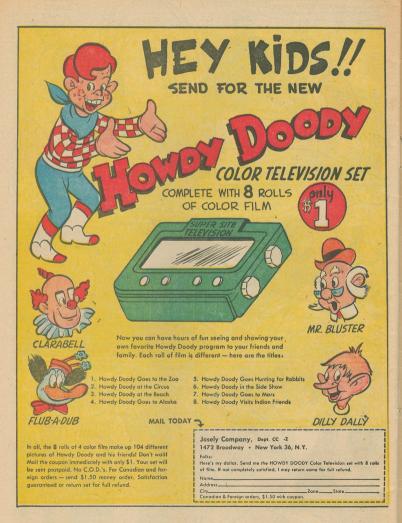












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